

HOUSE No. 2724

By Mr. Timilty of Milton, petition of Walter F. Timilty relative to the rights of patients to certain bulk medications upon discharge from medical facilities. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PATIENTS' RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 70E of chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 subsection (n) the following subsection:— (o) to obtain from the
4 facility in charge of his care, upon discharge, any bulk medica-
5 tions that were prescribed for him during his stay including, but
6 not limited to, aerosol inhalers, topical products such as creams
7 and powders, eye drops, insulins and special order items that are
8 patient specific and personal. Upon discharge from the hospital,
9 these bulk items shall be considered the personal property of the
10 patient and the physician shall include in discharge orders that the
11 patient be provided with the specific bulk products that were used
12 in the hospital with use directions. The department shall promul-
13 gate regulations to implement this section.